

**REMARKS**

The drawings are objected to because they do not show every feature of the invention specified in the claims.

The specification is objected to as failing to provide proper antecedent basis for the claimed subject matter.

Claims 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the enablement requirement.

Applicant suggests that there is a misunderstanding about the term check valve. A check valve is not a damping device, but is rather like a switch to either allow or disallow flow in a certain direction. The check valves as set out in the current application are clearly described in the drawings and text as elements which merely direct flow to or from the damping circuit or expansion circuit, depending on which shock absorber is being considered. This disclosure has been in the present application from the originally submitted documents, and is supported in the priority case as well.

Further amendments in the claims have been carried out to further clarify the structure of the present invention.

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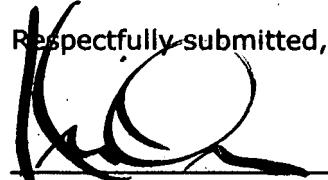
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**CONCLUSION**

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been obviated, and now respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections and an allowance of this application.

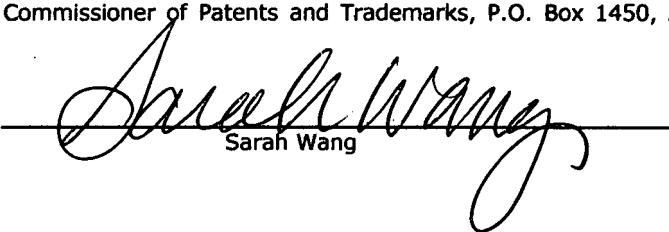
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